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SUBJ: RED CROSS FILM FESTIVAL

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE AGENCY' S EFFORTS TO REACTIVATE
U. S. PARTICIPATION IN FESTIVAL.

2. " BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE" PRINT HAS STILL NOT ARRIVED.

3. REF (A) PARA 3, GAVE IMPRESSION THAT PRINCIPLE
REASON ONLY " BUTTERFLIES" WAS BEING SENT AT THAT TIME
WAS THAT IT ONLY TITLE AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE. REF (B)
HOWEVER INDICATES OTHER FILMS MAY BE AVAILABLE BUT
WILL BE OFFERED ONLY ON CONDITION THAT FESTIVAL ACCEPTS
" BUTTERFLIES" FOR COMPETITION. APPRECIATE PROBLEMS
INVOLVED IN ELEVENTH HOUR ATTEMPTS TO REACTIVATE U. S.
PARTICIPATION BUT SUGGEST IT IS UNWORTHY TO REQUIRE,
APPARENTLY OUT OF ANNOYANCE AT EARLIER EVENTS, THAT FESTIVAL
ORGANIZERS ACCEPT SOLITARY OFFICIAL ENTRY BEFORE OFFERING
ADDITIONAL TITLES. THIS HAS EFFECT OF REQUIRING THEM TO
ABANDON CHERISHED RIGHT OF FINAL SELECTION IN RULE SIX
ADDITION TO ACCEPTING U. S. POSITION ON RULE SEVEN (REF C).
FURTHERMORE, SINCE " BUTTERFLIES" STILL
UNRECEIVED AT THIS LATE DATE IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY
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SUFFICIENT TIME WILL REMAIN AFTER SELECTION COMMITTEE
MAKES DECISION TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL TITLES.

4. THEREFORE, STRONGLY URGE EVERY ATTEMPT BE MADE NOW
TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FILMS FOR CONSIDERATION.
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